CHLORIS INFLATA (POACEAE) NEW TO LOUISIANA — Recent collections from Louisiana have yielded a specimen of Chloris inflata Link. Despite an extensive distribution throughout the tropical and subtropical regions of the Old WORLD and New World, there have been few collections of Chloris inflata from the continental United States. Prior to the collection reported herein the only confirmed collections of this taxon were from Bexar County, Texas (W.A. Silveus 6413, US) and Cameron and Hidalgo counties in extreme southern Texas (Correll and Johnston 1970; Gould 1975). A range map dot shown for Mississippi in a paper by Anderson (1974) could not be verified. Allen (1980) did not report it for Louisiana. Considering the widespread distribution of this species in the Caribbean and Bahamas, it is highly likely that this taxon will be found elsewhere in the southern United States in the near future. The collection data are:

LOUISIANA. Orleans Parish: on the shoulder between Leake Ave. and the tracks of the Illinois Central RR, opposite the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility, 7 Aug 1989, John Mangreps 892 (UNO).

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